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Learning and Gathering Opportunities for This Week

From the Wider UCC Church



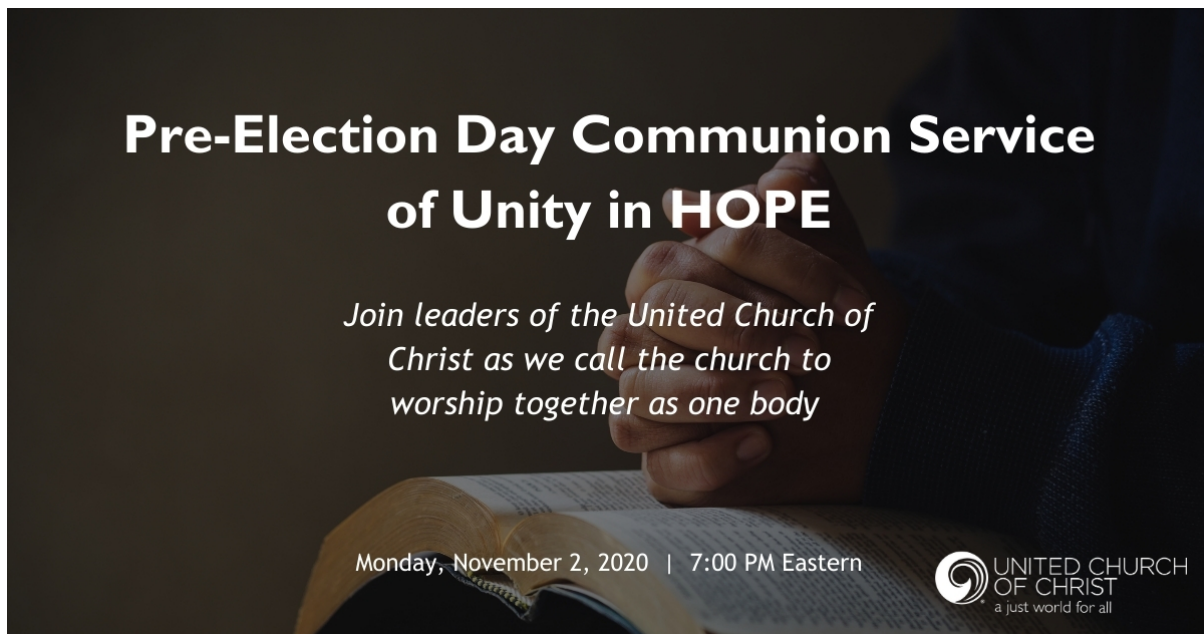
Sunday, November 1, 2020 at 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Eastern

Denomination-Wide All Saints Service

It has been a year of abundant grief. On top of the pain and loss we experience collectively in what we used to call “normal” times, this year has added 205,000 (and counting) Saints to the numbers of those who have gone before. This year has added trauma and pain and loss in ways that continue to hold our hearts

captive. This year has called a reckoning of systems towards Justice, and the slow pains of growth and awareness and the impact of struggle on people trying to hold it together. And this year has called us to cling fast to faith with clarity and strength and prayer.

So in calling on our faith that all those who have gone before are in community with All Saints, you are invited to join us in honoring those who have passed, especially to COVID-19, for a service of All Saints with music, prayer, and lifting of names. [REGISTER](#)



Monday, November 2, 2020 at 7:00 pm Eastern

Pre-election Day Communion Service of Unity in HOPE

As we approach the final hours until Election Day, you are invited to pause and gather in worship together. Please join the UCC Officers for a church-wide Pre-Election Communion Service of Unity in HOPE.

This will be a 90-minute service that includes encouraging words from former General Ministers, Rev. Dr. Paul Sherry, Rev. Dr. John Thomas, and Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Black, as well as former Associate General Minister, Dr. Edith Guffey. We will also be led in Communion by former Executive Ministers of Justice & Witness Ministries, Rev. Bernice Powell Jackson, and Rev. Linda Jaramillo. Several full communion partners will join us as well. Rev. John C. Dorhauer will

offer us all a message of hope.

Worship will be held as a Zoom webinar, and it will also be live-streamed to the United Church of Christ's Facebook Page. Live captions will be available. We pray that you will be able to join us for this important gathering on the eve of Election Day. [REGISTER](#)

(For additional offerings check the UCC Website at www.ucc.org)

From the Southeast Conference

Monday, November 2

Re-Opening of Churches – Conversation for all Church Leaders

The Conversation scheduled for Monday, November 2 has been canceled.

Everyone is encouraged to join the UCC in the worship service above! The next Re-Opening of Churches discussion will be November 16, 7 pm Eastern.

For Clergy

- **An Hour of Conversations and Prayer**

Tuesday, November 3 - 11:00 a.m. Eastern (10:00 a.m. Central)

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/479440102>

- **Responding to the Election**

Thursday, Nov. 5 – 4 pm Eastern/3 pm Central

No matter what the results of the election or if the results are yet determined, clergy will need to provide spiritual leadership. This is an opportunity to reflect together on how we might respond. [REGISTER](#)

Communities of Practice Reminder of Deadline

The Deadline to express interest in our beginning Communities of Practice is this week. Contact Char Burch (cburch@secucc.org) if interested or you have questions.

Looking Ahead

Tuesday, November 9 at 7:00 pm Eastern / 6:00 pm Central

Let's Talk about Church Bylaws

Join UCC Attorney, Heather Kimmel, for a conversation about local church bylaws – what to make sure to include and clarify. This is for both clergy and lay leaders and is a great opportunity to look at your bylaws! If you already have some questions, email them to Char Burch at cburch@secucc.org and she will pass them onto the attorney prior to the meeting so that they will be included in the discussion. [REGISTER](#)

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